well as to ensure that it does not allow drug, manufacturer and supplier to raise MRP for general public?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) and (b) Health being a State subject, such information is not maintained Centrally.

In so far as Central Government Hospitals/CGHS dispensaries outside Delhi are concerned, the purchase of medicines and drugs is made by the Medical Store Organisation against annual indents sent by these hospitals/dispensaries as per approved formulary and observing other codal formalities. The medicines and drugs which are not available through MSO are procured locally through tenders.

So far as CGHS dispensaries in Delhi are concerned, drugs are procured through M/s Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (HSCC) on approved terms and conditions of Medical Store Organization (MSO).

The quality of medicines and drugs are tested at Govt. approved laboratories before use. 5/6th of the total shelf life of the medicines supplied has to be available at the time of supply.

Organ transplant, procurement and distribution centres

2099.SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any proposal to set up organ transplant, procurement and distribution centres in all the States in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith proposed functions of such centres; and

(c) by when the above centres are likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Organ Retrieval Banking Organization (ORBO) a national facility and nodal centre for the country is already operational at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi. A network of 15 hospitals (Government, Public and Charitable) with ORBO has been formed for smooth functioning and coordination for process of Organ Donation and Transplantation in Delhi.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Pollution explosion

2100.SHRI N. BALAGANGA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian population would overtake China by 2050;

(b) whether Government has taken any steps to control population explosion;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and